



SAINT JOSEPH

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APRIL 6, 2025 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
Chenell Privat*Secretary to the Pastor*
Tammy Hyde*Bookkeeper*
Eva Green*Religious Ed Coordinator*
John Buroker*Choir Director*

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday & Friday 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days: 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

BAPTISM: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

ANointING OF THE SICK: For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before your proposed date.

WELCOME, VISITORS.

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office at 101 E. Milton Ave.

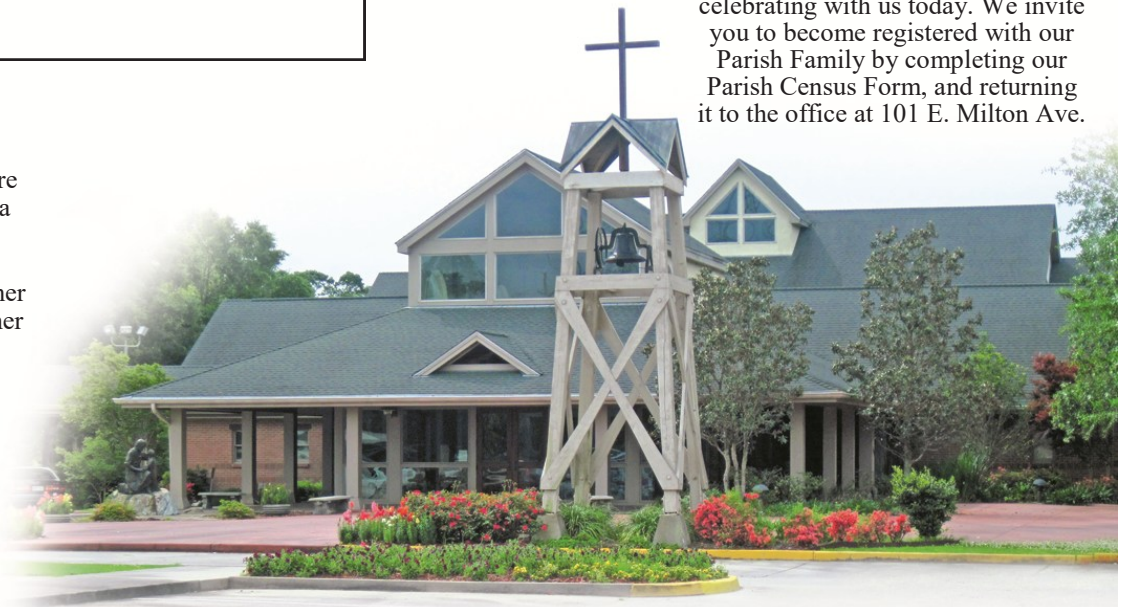
PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux
Bob Cole
Charles Duchamp
Dennis Dumas
Nick Gaspard
Dan Guidry
Cindy LeBlanc

Steve Lemaire
Nancy Messa
Guy Picard
Judy Picard
David Walther
Marie Walther

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



5th Sunday Lent John 8:1-11

“The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle” (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is **“left alone before him.”** A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— *Father John Muir*

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$14,697.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 2,015.00
Total (March 30th)	\$16,712.00
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	+\$4,712.00
Black & Indian Missions.	\$ 2,417.00
Building & Maintenance (March)	\$ 5,135.00

Thank you!

This Weekend's Second Collection Building & Maintenance Fund

Next Weekend's Second Collection Catholic Relief Services

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:10-11

Mass Intention

Weekend of April 5th and 6th, 2025
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

John Lloyd Trahan, Randall Picard, Annie T. LeBlanc (Anniversary)
Thomas E. Collins, Drew Michael Courts, Ernest & Laura Hebert (Her Birthday), Preston Simon, John Ivy & Hazel Broussard & Family (Her Birthday), David Brune, Audrey Broussard, Claudia Saunier, Dianne Touchet, Janell Girouard, Willis & Geri Morvant, Cheri Trahan, Vernis Breaux, Earl Weber, Sue Naumann, Chester Henry, Geraldine (Gerry) Foreman, Earless Romero, Brad Martin, Shirley Broussard, Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Jackie Martin, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares

Weekday Masses

Monday 7th	Sick of the Community
Tuesday 8th	Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux
Wednesday 9th	St. Joseph Parish
Thursday 10th	Edvard Hebert, Jr.
Friday 11th	Anna Burch, Elwood Baudoin, M/M Yenes Baudoin (His Birthday), Loyd Denais

Sanctuary Candle

Venice Christian (Anniversary)

Please Pray For The Sick

Joyce Menard Laura Henry Beau Gaspard
Melissa Lapointe David McKeon Diana Johnson
Marc Broussard Mark Broussard
Yvonne LeBlanc Red Hall Jerome Auzenne, Sr.
Danny B. Comeaux Chuck Lindsey Reed McIver
Christine Marie Gotte Kenney Stickney
Polly Breazeale Pat Broussard

Lent Way of the Cross

**Every Thursday during Lent
6:30 p.m.**

Consider Mass as part of your Lenten observance. Mass times are as follows:

**Monday & Friday
6:30 a.m.**

(Confessions 6:00 a.m.)

**Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday:
8:30 a.m.**

(Confessions 8:00 a.m.)

**Adoration On Wednesday
5:30-7:00 p.m.**

*Confessions: Saturday from
3:00-3:50 p.m. as well as by
appointment.*

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, **April 6th** during the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please keep all of our Candidates in your prayers as they make this sacrament.

The Elderberries next Social will be held on Tuesday, **April 8th** at 9:00 a.m. at the Life Center. Lunch afterwards at Toasted Yolk in Lafayette.

Ushers Meeting The Ushers will have their next meeting on Thursday, **April 10th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **April 10th**, at 6:30 p.m. in church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.



We welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly Baptized. Welcome:

Remi James Purdy
Crue Michael Guidry
Eloise Francis Guidry
Collins Michael Guidry
Trace Hanley Cornejo

Events This Week

- Mon. (7th):** Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
- Tues. (8th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Elderberries 9:00 a.m.
(Life Center)
RCIA 6:00 p.m. (Church)
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed: (9th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
WWP 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
(Life Center)
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
WWP 6:00 p.m. (Life Ctr.)
- Thurs. (10th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
WWP 9:00 a.m. (Church)
WWP 6:00 p.m. (Church)
Ushers Meeting
6:30 p.m. (Life Center)
**Way of the Cross
6:30 p.m. (Church)**
Baptism Seminar
6:30 p.m. (Church)
- Fri. (11th):** Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (12th):** Confession 3:00-3:55 p.m.
Mass 4:00 p.m.
- Sun. (13th):** Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
BUILD 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church

Hospice of Acadiana's Annual "Hit the Road with Hospice" Raffle! Your \$20 ticket purchase gives you a chance to win a car, a camper, or a trip for two! As Acadiana's ONLY non-profit hospice, your purchase will provide patients with the care they need, regardless of the cost or their ability to pay. Hospice of Acadiana also offers several programs & services to the community at-large, free of charge, Honor Veterans program, and much more. For more information or to purchase a ticket, please visit our website at www.hospiceacadiana.com.



Registration for Religious Ed is now underway for 2025-2026 for students in grades 1st through 8th. Registration forms can be found on the St. Joseph Website www.stjo-milton.org. The deadline to register is **May 31, 2025!** Please call Erin Dowd at 856-5997 if you should have any questions or concerns.

Build Youth Group Nights are open to all high school students! We love meeting new people, so show up and bring a friend! The next one is scheduled for Sunday, **April 13, 2025** at St. Joseph Church at 6:30 p.m. Visit buildyouthgroup@gmail.com.

Word of Life "Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion....Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen." *For elected officials: May they work to protect human life from conception to natural death; let us pray to the Lord.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14, 23:56 or 23:1-49

Make a Way

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Thought of the Week *The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in his goodness, sends to us day after day.*

"A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." - Cure' of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Millard Boyer
Rev. James Brady, JCL
Rev. Joseph Brasseaux, OSB
Rev. John "Buddy" Breaux
Rev. Louis Allen Breaux
Rev. Joseph Brickner, LC
Rev. Henry Broussard

Women's Day of Discernment

Open to women ages 16-35. Talks, Mass, prayer, and opportunities to visit with various religious orders from Louisiana and other around the country. It will be held on Saturday, **April 26th** at the Diocese of Lafayette Chancery.

Youngsville Meal Site Connect with other seniors (60 and older) at the new Youngsville Meal Site located at the VFW Hall, 204 Lafayette Street, Youngsville. Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. excluding holidays. Registration is required. Call 337-262-5990. Meals are \$1.25. Meet other people, eat a nutritious meal and enjoy activities.



Priesthood

Question: If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

Answer: Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called, or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Liturgical Ministers April 12th & 13th, 2025 Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers

We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please request a sub on your ministry pro app if unable to make your scheduled time.

Saturday, April 12th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Trish Suire
Lector: Gib Broussard, Dan LaPointe
Eucharistic Ministers: Belinda Broussard, Jed Bourque, Monica Bourque
Altar Servers: Abigail Delahoussaye, Matthew Brou

Sunday, April 13th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Curlis Savoy
Lector: Toddy Guidry, Trista Littell
Eucharistic Ministers: Morgan Savoy, Curlis Savoy, Paige Gary
Altar Servers: Nathan Waguespack, Lena Ruckstul

Sunday, April 13th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Patty Broussard
Lector: Teddy Broussard, Randy Blanchard
Eucharistic Ministers: Erin Dowd, Dan Guidry, Gerard Labat
Altar Servers: David Morley, Gabriel Gremillion

Sunday, April 13th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux
Lector: Dane Adams, Patrick Briese
Eucharistic Minister: Buba LaFleur, Brian Watkins, Cindy LeBlanc
Altar Servers: Grace Ortis, Waylon Anding